

## DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**Description of proposal:** Revision to the Natural Area Preserve Public Access Policy of the Department of Natural Resources. The department's existing NAP policy is being updated to reflect changes to Chapter 79.70 of the Revised Code of Washington.

RCW 79.70.030 was modified by the Washington State Legislature to clarify measures available to protect natural resources in NAPs and also to provide for consideration, on a site-by-site basis, of low-impact public and environmental educational uses in non-sensitive areas of preserves during the management planning process for each site.

**Proponent:** Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Natural Areas Program

**Location of proposal, including street address, if any:** As a non-project proposal, the affected geographic area is DNR-owned natural area preserves at 49 locations throughout the state, totaling approximately 31,000 acres.

**Lead agency:** Department of Natural Resources  
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The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21c.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

[X] This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from February 23, 2005. Comments must be submitted by March 9, 2005.

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**There is no agency SEPA appeal.**  
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